

HONORING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER STEPHANIE MORRISON, U.S. COAST GUARD, FOR HER SERVICE AS DEPUTY LIAISON TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service, dedication and professionalism of Lieutenant Commander (LCDR) Stephanie Morrison, who has served as the Coast Guard's Deputy Liaison to the House of Representatives from August 2009 through June 2012. The consummate professional, LCDR Morrison exemplified the Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus" or Always Ready, as she coordinated staff and Member briefings, worked with Committee staff and Coast Guard leadership to prepare for critical operations, acquisitions, and policy hearings, and helped respond to hundreds of constituent issues from around the country. She was an integral part of the Coast Guard's Congressional Affairs team that supported my Subcommittee's efforts in the passage of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, and has continued to be an invaluable resource as we move forward to support the Coast Guard's vital recapitalization and modernization efforts during the 112th Congress. In addition to her numerous duties and responsibilities here in Washington, D.C., LCDR Morrison also deployed to the Gulf Coast in the Spring of 2010 during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill response, where she assisted numerous congressional staff and Members of Congress with detailed briefings and site visits, which were vital to Congress' ability to execute its oversight responsibilities during this tragic event.

As the Ranking Member of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, I am honored to represent the fine women and men of the United States Coast Guard not only from my District, but everyone who has accepted the challenge and endured the sacrifice necessary to serve. The men and women who serve as Congressional Liaisons take on a particularly difficult challenge; one which can easily be overlooked but is nonetheless as important to the success of the Coast Guard as the cutter and aircraft crews who protect our waterways every day. I would like to thank LCDR Morrison for her dedication and service in this challenging position. She has been a tremendous help to me and my staff, and I wish her well as she transitions to her new assignment as the Chief of Waterways Management at Coast Guard Sector Baltimore.

### HEALTHCARE

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

### DALLAS HEALTHCARE POLICY CONFERENCE

Congressman Pete Sessions, Congressman Michael Burgess, MD., Congressman John Fleming, MD, and Congressman Bill Cassidy, MD.

### STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

#### *Safety Net*

We support a healthcare safety net, which guarantees all Americans access to healthcare that is consistently and adequately funded by a rational system that ensures coverage regardless of employment or economic status to encourage maximum participation by physicians. Funding for this safety net should be government subsidized without mandates.

#### *Patient/Doctor Relationship*

The sanctity of the patient-physician relationship must be the foundation of healthcare in America and is the product of every individual's right to choose. This bond is freely chosen and based upon mutual trust, informed consent, and privileged confidentiality involving every citizen. This sacred trust must not be violated.

#### *Personal Responsibility*

In order to have a sustainable healthcare system every patient has to have a personal investment in the cost and maintenance of their care. The patient should be empowered to responsibly choose the best use of their health care resources.

#### *Choice (Physicians and Patients)*

Patients are entitled to the maximum possible freedoms in choosing how to care for themselves and their families. Physicians and healthcare professionals are entitled to the maximum possible freedoms in choosing how they provide care for their patients, manage their practice, and compete in the market.

#### *Privacy (Digital and EMR)*

Privacy must stand at the core of the trusted and inviolable patient/physician relationship in order to maximize the quality of care we provide our patients. Patient's personal information, particularly digital, must be protected. That information must be owned by the patient. It is the only the patients' to share with their informed consent and must be protected from all third parties including the government.

#### *Patient Ownership/Portability*

Health insurance may be purchased across state lines consistent with interstate commerce. Each American deserves the opportunity to own their individual healthcare policy with guaranteed renewability and community rating that is appropriate for their family needs, not contingent upon a specific job, and irrevocable except by personal choice or cases of fraud.

#### *Payment and Price Transparency*

Transparency should be encouraged by all those who participate in the healthcare marketplace. It is the patient's right to know the cost of care and the payment provided by insurance or government. It is the core of the free market for consumers and professionals to know the true costs and prices of all goods and services provided.

#### *Funding (Premium Support/Defined Contributions)*

Individual citizens should be permitted to own a Health Liberty Account (HLA) that may receive defined contributions from employer or government, or a tax-deductible contribution from any source, that is dedicated to the purchase of healthcare coverage and payment for healthcare services. Those unable to fund their own HLA would be eligible for adequate funding for annual healthcare coverage with a defined contribution from the government.

### *Tax Parity (Deductions)*

The purchase of health benefits are should be tax deductible whether purchased by the employer or individual, regardless of income. Charitable healthcare should be a tax deductible item by the physician.

### *Fraud, Waste and Abuse (Inefficiency)*

Physicians are committed to protecting the taxpayers by stopping fraud (e.g. phantom billing, home health, and medical equipment fraud) and considering methods to accomplish this goal, including smart cards. Physicians are committed to strengthening and reinvigorating the peer review system. Physicians and their professional scientific organizations should continue to seek efficiencies by eliminating wasteful healthcare spending that does not improve outcomes.

### *Liability Reform*

The fear of lawsuits drives up the cost of medical care due to the practice of defensive medicine. Tort reform will lower inefficient spending and help to ease the upward pressure on healthcare costs. Examples of such reforms include caps on non-economic damages and the formation of expert medical panels to evaluate and when indicated compensate significant adverse outcomes to eliminate costly litigation.

### THE TEN CANNOTS

### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday at the Patriotic Sunday service of Grace Baptist Church in West Columbia, South Carolina, Dr. Bill Egerdahl, the Church's Pastor quoted an extraordinary pamphlet which has real meaning today:

"In 1916, a minister and outspoken advocate for liberty, William J. H. Boetcker, published a pamphlet entitled "The Ten Cannots":

You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.

You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.

You cannot help the poor man by destroying the rich.

You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.

You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence.

You cannot help small men by tearing down big men.

You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.

You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income.

You cannot establish security on borrowed money.

You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they will not do for themselves.

Simply put, the central government cannot give to anybody what it does not first take from somebody else."

### CONGRATULATING THERESA LOU BOWICK

### HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Theresa Lou Bowick, BSN, RN